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**News Release
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**Evangeline 4-H'ers Named Champions
At 77th Annual State LSU AgCenter Livestock Show**

Evangeline Parish 4-H & FFA youth participated in the 77th Annual LSU AgCenter 4-H and FFA Livestock Show February 11-18, 2012, at the Lamar-Dixon Expo Center in Gonzales.

Judges at the LSU AgCenter Livestock Show determined 2012 State Champions in various breeds of beef and dairy cattle, goats, hogs, poultry and sheep.

While the event showcases examples of the state's important livestock industries, LSU AgCenter administrators say it is about much more than that.

Dr. William B. "Bill" Richardson, Chancellor of the LSU AgCenter, said, " This event provides an opportunity for some of the most outstanding youth in the state to receive recognition for their hard work in learning how to grow and care for a wide array of animals . ”.

Dr. Paul Coreil, Vice Chancellor of the LSU AgCenter, said, “We are honored to sponsor this annual event, where young people from across the state gather to build life skills in leadership, character and responsibility through educational livestock projects.”

This year's top winners from Evangeline Parish were:

Breeding Goats

Champion and Champion La. Bred AOB Buck–Jase Marcantel, Sacred Heart 4-H

Supreme Buck – Jase Marcantel, Sacred Heart 4-H

Market Goats

2nd Place Parish Group Market Goats – Evangeline Parish

Breeding Beef

Reserve Champion Brangus Bull – Nicholas LaHaye, Sacred Heart 4-H

Reserve Champion and Grand Champion La. Bred Braford Base Heifer– Wacen Fontenot,
Sacred Heart 4-H

Breeding Dairy

Champion and Champion La. Bred Guernsey –Brice Guillory, Sacred Heart 4-H

Best Fitted Jersey – Brett Saucier, Sacred Heart 4-H

Best Fitted Guernsey – Brice Guillory, Sacred Heart 4-H

Best Fitted Holstein – Meghan Vidrine, Sacred Heart 4-H

Market Hogs

Reserve Champion and Champion La. Bred Hampshire Division Market Hog - Benjamin

Bergeron, Sacred Heart 4-H

Showmanship

Champion Senior Dairy Showman – Brett Saucier, Sacred Heart 4-H